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Letter dated 19 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group (ACT), I would like to welcome the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2013/515) and emphasize the importance of the efforts of Argentina in chairing the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions.

ACT is a cross-regional group of 22 States aiming at enhancing the effectiveness of the Security Council through the improvement of its working methods. Our members include Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Estonia, Finland, Gabon, Hungary, Ireland, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Maldives, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania and Uruguay.

ACT commends all members of the Informal Working Group for their work leading to the adoption on 28 August of the aforementioned presidential note on enhancing efficiency and transparency as well as on the interaction and dialogue with non-Security Council members and bodies. ACT considers the note to be a further important step in enhancing the transparency of the Council's work and its interaction with the wider membership. The 10-point list to which the members of the Council commit themselves is of utmost relevance. Some of the points mentioned in the note are also part of priority measures advocated by ACT on Council working methods. In particular, ACT welcomes the commitments to more effective use of public meetings, to invite the Peacebuilding Commission Chairs to formal Council meetings and informal interactive dialogues, and to improve consultations with troop-contributing countries and police-contributing countries, as well as to continue to provide opportunities to hear the views of the broader membership on the working methods of the Council, including through open debates on the implementation of the note by the President contained in document S/2010/507.

Regarding paragraph 2 (i) in document S/2013/515, ACT welcomes the use of wrap-up meetings and informal briefing sessions by the Security Council and presidents pursuant to the note by the President contained in document S/2012/922. It also welcomes the commitment reiterated by Council members to continue this practice and encourages all efforts to sustain and improve these sessions, which are of great relevance to the broader membership. ACT remains committed to contributing to the enhancement of this tool as well as to the overall discussion

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regarding working methods and interaction between the Council and the wider membership.

ACT looks forward to working constructively with Security Council members, including with the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions, on continuing to improve working methods and will in the coming weeks and months discuss and convey relevant suggestions to the Council in this regard.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter to the members of the Security Council and have it issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Paul **Seger**
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